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EMERGENCY, to be held on Friday,
at instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely, is
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Sgkong, 12th December, 1989. [2580]
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BY CARL LUDWIG REUTHER.

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and address with communications addressed to the
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faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one
side of the paper, and should be clearly and legibly
written.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not
ordered for a fixed period will be continued until
cancelled.

Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should
be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication.
After that hour the supply is limited.

On the 11th December, at 9.15 a.m., WILLIAM
HARRIS, 71 years of age, of the Chinese race, was
found dead in his room at the "Mansions," Happy
Valley, at 4 p.m. [2-18]

The Daily Press.
HONGKONG, DECEMBER 12th, 1920.

It is satisfactory to learn, from the Go-
vernment's report on the condition and progress of
the Colony, that the criminal statistics point to
a decrease in crime during the past two years.

The number of prisoners in Victoria
Gaol, which was 4,800 in 1918, fell to 4,308
in 1919 and 3,827 in 1920, a similar pro-
portionate decline being apparent in the
daily average; the total decrease in both
cases being over 20 per cent. This may not be
solely due to more exemplary discipline and
punishment in prison, but there is no doubt, as
His Excellency suggests, that it is partly the
result of the new regulations and dietary in the
gaol. Formerly Victoria Gaol offered a comfortable
retreat to the needy Chinese criminal; if he did not
exactly love confinement he did not mind it with
the counterbalancing advantages obtained of
excellent lodging, plentiful food, and medical
assistance when required. The gaol was then a
place where the unsuccessful and therefore hungry
and ill-conditioned rogue could recuperate while
battling new plots against his fellow men, and
when he became a hardened criminal, he was
fortified in his unalloyed hope and unfeigned
desires. That has been changed. The lodging is
still good, comfortable, but the fare is no longer
luxurious; it has been prudently cut down to a
regimen that will sustain life but will not gratify
appetite. This is just and right. If a man will
not work neither should he eat at the expense of
the worker. If he design to riot on the fat of the
land from the proceeds of plunder, still less is he
entitled to comfort in detention. He should be
allowed to exist in gaol, but more than mere
existence in health should be denied to him. Sen-
tences should be carried out against this salu-
tary treatment as unkind or unfeeling, but feeling
should not enter into the question; strict justice
has to be done and deterrent measures adopted. The
moral mind that can entertain compassion for
criminals and deny sympathy to their victims should
be regarded as enemies of society and con-
spirators against order. The first duty of a
Government owes to society is to protect

life and property, and if this involves severity to
the individuals who prefer pilfering to honest
labour, so much the worse for the outliers.

More especially is it necessary to render
the gaol in this Colony a place to be avoided
rather than a convenient hotel for the
gratuitous temporary accommodation of un-
successful delinquents. The near vicinity of a
populous Chinese province, swarming with
criminals whose bare hands and great poverty
have made desperate, is a sufficient reason
for the maintenance of a system of punish-
ments that should ward off rather than
invite a descent on the Colony by this class.

Needless to say it is quite impossible for us to
compete with the Chinese prisons; however
stern the discipline and frugal the fare in
Victoria Gaol, it must still remain a place of
delight as compared with the noisome den
of Canton. But there is one thing it can
hold out, which is lacking in Chinese
prisons—the separate system. Chinese
criminals are, like others, gregarious, and they
have solitary confinement still worse than
hard fare and filthy lodging. At present, of
course, there are only a limited number of
separate cells, but sufficient perhaps for the
worst criminals, and if a new gaol is

built, as has so often been threatened, there
will be largely increased. Against this pro-
ject of a new gaol we have consistently pro-
tested for the past twelve years, and its
construction has properly been delayed while
more urgent works were being carried out
until now the main objection to a new struc-
ture has vanished—its cost. This could
probably almost be met by the sale of the
present site and the erection of the gaol
on a site in one of the outlying suburbs, say
at Causeway Bay or West Point. Mean-
time as one measure of relief, the female
prisoners have been domiciled in a separate
building, giving increased accommodation
for the males. We would now make a sug-
gestion for further relief from congestion,
namely by the transfer of the debtors to
some house. The European debtors, if there
are any, might very well be lodged for a
time in the Lunatic Asylum, which is now
in a state of repair, but almost empty. This
removal of the debtors would give more room
for criminals, and it is at the same time im-
peratively called for on sanitary grounds.
The conditions under which the debtors are
lodged at present are simply scandalous, as
they are so crowded that when the beds are
put down there is not room, we are in-
formed, to walk between. This state of affairs
is not creditable to the Government, and as
it would be a simple matter to hire a house
for their detention, it ought not to be con-
tinued. Some of these debtors are more
the victims of misfortune than of wrongdo-
ing, and most of them are exclaiming in
extravagance; hence it is peculiarly hard
that they should be exposed to any danger to
their health by their detention in confine-
ment. It is sufficient punishment for them
to be so crowded that they should lose
their liberty for a period; they should not
be exposed to a risk of losing health like-
wise. This is a matter the Visiting Justices
should look into and report upon. Why
lawyers they are silent on the subject?

The new Hakwan left here yesterday for
Canton to take up his appointment there.

The meeting of the Hongkong Legislative
Council, which was to have been held yesterday,
is postponed until further notice.

According to the *Courier d'Haiphong* the
following five steamers will run between Hong-
kong and Haiphong during the winter season,
namely, the *Doris*, *Freya*, *Sweden*, *Freya*, and
Freya, all owned by the Wapac firm.

A Havas telegram says the French Under-
Secretary of State has addressed a circular to
the Consuls of France informing them that it
is necessary to attach a certificate of French
manufacture to cloth exported to Indo-China.

We hear from Yunnan that business is nearly
over there now, and the season has not been
very good one. Stormy weather has prevailed
in North Formosa lately, but for railway
construction, the weak points in which are being
discussed through the agency of the rains.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. K. Fraser) re-
quests us to announce that, owing to the lament-
ed death of Mr. W. H. P. Darby, President of
the Hongkong Cricket Club, the ground will
be closed today, and the match postponed for
Friday and Saturday next has been postponed.

The Straits Times says that something wrong
is deemed to be brewing in S. E. Borneo, owing
to the fact that the Chinese have lately
applied for military reinforcements. Trouble
seems to be at hand there, a sure sign being
usually heavy consignments of rifles into the
interior, an evident token of fighting being
expected. This portion of Borneo belongs to
Holland.

The Surabaya Express points out the dangers
attending a financial agitation among the
natives of Java, carried on through the intrigues
of secret societies with bad aims as prizes.
The Government keeps a watchful eye on these
gangs, and recently four of them had been
broken up in a contest with the police. The
movement, on returning thither by steamer
from Singapore soon found themselves in the
hands of the police.

The *Journal de Tonkin* says that in the man-
ufacture of vessels leaving Haiphong for Hongkong
will always be found boxes of dollars. This
was expected to have happened, but the Chinese
are making a profit at the expense of France.
The Mexican dollar is worth less than the
French franc, and the Chinese therefore
collect the dollars and exchange them for
francs, and the result is that the Chinese have
\$100 to pay when they have \$100 to re-
ceive they get 75 francs.

The *Courier d'Haiphong* says the Man-
grieres steamer *Arctique*, which is being
placed on the Hongkong-Haiphong line, is going
to make trial of Annam and Tonkin coal. It
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It is with sincere regret we record the death
of Mr. W. H. P. Darby, who took place yester-
day morning. Mr. Darby was a partner in
the old established and well known firm of
Gibb, Livingston & Co., was an old resident
of Hongkong, and was a member of the Cricket
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SHIPPING IN JAPANESE WATERS

VESSEL.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND REG.	TON.	PORT OF ORIGIN.	AGENTS.
NAGASAKI.						
IN PORT ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 1889.						
STAMPAER.						
B. Horiuchisawa	Nov. 26	Benzenius	Nor. str.	328	Helsing, Ringer & Co.	
Pure	Nov. 26	Boden	Ger. str.	272	Alfred Benzen-Gallery	
Yugo	April 4	Fremson	Ger. str.	572	H. B. Colliery	
Woboth	Nov. 24	Ruber	Bel. str.	322	Brown & Co.	
Shimo	Nov. 21	Meyer	Ger. str.	44	C. E. Boedinghaus	
Tatsuhiko M.	Nov. 23	Walker	Ger. str.	1406	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	
					agents vessels.	
Y. Troop	Oct. 23	Erle	Brit. str.	1235	C. & J. Trading Co.	
Koushi-maru	—	Christensen	Barge.	400	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	
Kobe.						
IN PORT ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 1889.						
STAMPAER.						
Chowchowtoo	Nov. 21	W. Woudt	Ger. str.	750	Mitsui Nippon Kaisha	
Gendalcho	Nov. 23	Corrucci	Brit. str.	1484	Yardley, Matheson & Co.	
	Nov. 23	Napies	Brit. str.	1602	P. & O. S. N. Co.	

Pathang	Nov. 21	Roy	Brit. str	1874	Adamson & H&O
Omlamaru	Nov. 17	Christensen	Jap. str	1810	Nippo Yawo Kaitaka
Shinagawa M.	Nov. 21	Motepi	Jap. str	1188	Nippo Yawo Kaitaka

SAILING VESSELS.					
Ado pa Ohi's	Sept. 2	Carleton	Amr. bk	1945	H. Lucas & Co
J. W. Clemens	Oct. 17	W. Threlton	Ger. sh	2024	Faber & Voigt
L. Sobopp	Nov. 5	G. Lee	Amr. sh	1776	R. Isaac & Lyon.
St. Francis	Nov. 8	Willner	Amr. sh	1810	C. & J. Trading Co
St. Nicholas	Nov. 8	F. Carver	Amr. sh	1723	Holley & Co
Tam o' Shanter	Nov. 9	Peabody	Amr. sh	1602	R. Isaac & Co

YOKOHAMA.					
IN PORT ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 1890.					
STEAMERS.					
Arbis	Nov. 25	Smith	Brit. str	4368	O. & O. Co
Boselli	Nov. 23	Lark	Brit. str	1060	Corues & Co
Congo	Nov. 16	Vaquier	Brit. str	3515	Messageries Maritimes
Muji-maru	Aug. 11	Allen	Jap. str	1032	Lighthouse Department

SAILING VESSELS.					
Brit. str	51	Myer			

Arctic	Nov. 12	W. J. Gage	Sw'd. sch	40	Johnson	
Berlin S. M.	Nov. 11	Macquere	Amr. sch	76	Master	
Blana	N. v. 12	Wettersen	Amr. sh	1443	M. H. Newman & Co	
Enos Estate	July 26	Soule	Amr. sh	138	M. H. Newman & Co	
Esmeralda	July 26	Weyman	Amr. sh	1662	Fraser, Farley & Co	
James (Wm's)	Oct. 28	Caracci	Brit. sch	141	H. J. Snow	
N. M. Co	Aug. 20	Caracci	Brit. sch	1465	C. & J. Trading Co	
Paul Rogers	Nov. 29	Swall	Amr. sh	1240	C. & J. Trading Co	
P. M. Whittaker	Oct. 28	Whittaker	Amr. sh	1078	Smith, Baker & Co	
W. M. H. Lincoln	Nov. 12	Daily	Amr. sc			

SHIPPING IN SOUTHERN PORTS.						
VESSEL.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	CONSIGNEES.	DIRECTION.
MANILA.						
IN PORT ON 1ST DECEMBER, 1888.						
STEAMERS.						
Japan	Nov. 19	Zavala	Span. str	593	F. L. Roca	
Albatross	Oct. 8	F. G. Gage	B. U. str	1085	Smith, Ball & Co	

Isla de Anay	Nov. 23	O. sain	Spas. Mr	146	C. de Saavedra
Kirkland	Oct. 31	Wallace	Brit. str	148	Kur & Co
Saigon	Nov. 26	Fernand	Fr. str	149	A. de Saavedra

MAILING VESSELS.					
Abysinia	Oct. - 11	Kuttan	Brit. bk	1128	Order
Alet Foua	8 pt.	Dankem	Brit. sh	1839	Machod & Co
Andock	Oct. - 26	Harmingsway	Amr. bk	2-3	F. Manu & Co
Gsa. Du m Villa	Aug. - 24	Corbett	Brit. sh	1859	W. F. Stevenson & Co
J. L. Harney		Crack	Brit. bk	85	Smith, Ball & Co
Kindoo	Sept. 6	La-ohim	Amr. sh	890	Kir & Co
M'ter of Marine	Aug. 13	McLaughlin	Brit. sh	1943	W. F. Stevenson & Co

HAIPHONG.		
IN PORT ON 1st DECEMBER, 1898.		
STEAMER.		
Zemboi	Nov. 25	Parsons
		Brit. str 1420 Denis Fraser

A. Rickmers		Hachagen	Gen. bk	1400	Atlantic Co., Limited	
Auron		Barratt	Bark. bk	2 5	Master	
C/o of Scotland		Atkinson	Bark. bk		Windsor, Rose & Co	
Elmst. 20		Kornerh. h	h. k. bk		Benno Co., Limited	
Fuchow		L. B. quadr	Siam. bk	500	Law Mah Tong	
Gulu	Aug. 1	Brande	Ital. bk	500	Reiger, Big & Co	
Gulu		Millington	Siam. bk	542	Obasa Bun	
Mary Stewart		Neave	Bark. bk	500	Neeloo	
Nee	Aug. 23		h. k. bk	585	Shaw & Chalmr	
J. J. Olen		Jac. Ives	Nor. bk	807	Shaw & Chalmr	
Siam		Laigo	Siam. bk	224	Ho Luon	
Sunday		L. B. co	Siam. bk	978	MacDonald & Co	

THE BRITANNIC RAJISTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.						
NAME	REG.	GRAND.	N.P.	CAPTAIN.	WHERE AT	
British Columbia	4	3160	Com. R. B. Macdonnie	Hongkong		

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FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATIONS.					
NAME.	FLAG.	GUNS.	W.P.	CAPTAIN.	WHERE AT.
Marion	American corvette	8	1250	Capt. H. M. Dyer	Yokohama
Omaha	American corvette	8	1250	Capt. F. V. McNair	Nagasaki
Katsura	American gunboat	6	500	Lieut.-Com. J. E. Craig	Yokohama
Monterey	American gun vessel	6	—	Lieut. Com. J. M. McGowan	Nagasaki
Swallows	American corvette	12	—	Captain Malpas	Hongkong
Argyle	French gunboat	12	—	Capt. Bugeaud	Shanghai
Cleopatra	French gunboat	12	—	Lieut. Haris	Hongkong
Comete	French gunboat	12	—	Captain Neany	Hongkong
Katlin	French gunboat	12	—	Captain Fournel	Japan
Paroselle	French gunboat	12	—	Captain Leve	Hongkong
Juniper	French gunboat	12	—	Capt. H. Soud	Shanghai
Sander	French gunboat	12	—	Captain Nos	Shanghai
Turombe	French gunboat	12	—	Captain Mayet	Shanghai
Albatros	French cruiser	12	—	Captain	Yokohama
Viper	French gunboat	12	—	Lieut.-Com. von Eichtstedt	Shanghai
Ilus	German gunboat	8	340	Lieut.-Com. Credner	London
Worm	German gun boat	8	340	Com. W. von Arnim	Shanghai
San Luna	Portuguese gunboat	10	—	Captain Brindley	Shanghai
Lejo	Portuguese gunboat	10	—	Captain Delmon	Nagasaki
Ad. Nautilus	Spanish cruiser	13	1100	Capt. Anschütz	Nagasaki

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